

## THE MAIL

### Open Secrets

Your cover story on Bob Woodward's book "VEIL: The Secret Wars of the CIA" (SPECIAL REPORT, Oct. 5) shows why America's image is that of the Great Satan to so many Third World countries: the CIA wages war on them with impunity. I feel ashamed for an America that kills 80 innocent people in an attempt to assassinate one enemy. I feel ashamed for an America that attacks Managua's main airport just because the CIA director wants to "make news." So much for the Constitution, eh?

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Bob Woodward did a great favor to this country and to our Constitution by exposing the evils of Watergate, but touting this piece of fiction as reality only hurts American democracy by instilling undeserved mistrust of the current administration. You published Woodward's story in spite of the fact that those closest to Casey say he was both unable and unwilling to give away secrets to the likes of Woodward. Woodward keeps saying it all happened in spite of the fact that he can't prove a bit of it. Casey's family and doctors have nothing to gain by their statements; NEWSWEEK and Woodward do.

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What is good for the media is not always good for the country. To refresh some memories: during Watergate, Bob Woodward and his colleague Carl Bernstein became millionaires while hiding behind an anonymous source called Deep Throat. How will we ever know these sources aren't fictional as long as they stay hidden in the bushes?

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I just finished reading your outstanding cover story. As a college student who enjoys staying on top of the news, I now feel a lot less ignorant about William J. Casey's role in the Iran-contra affair and the position he held in the Reagan administration. Thanks. You made things much clearer for me.

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Woodward's book tells us the CIA paid \$3 million to assassinate Hizbullah leader Sheik Fadlallah, and failed. Fadlallah then accepted a \$2 million bribe, insisting it be paid in food, medicine and education ex-

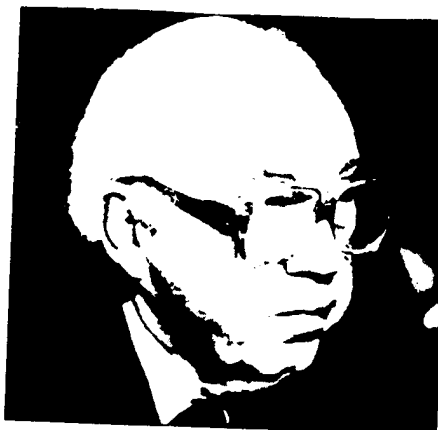
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Spymaster: Former CIA director Casey

penses for his people. After the bribe "there were no more Fadlallah-supported terrorist attacks against Americans." Lesson No. 1: food, medicine and education are what the Third World wants. Lesson No. 2: providing people with food, medicine and education would cost us two-thirds of what it costs to kill them.

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